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Attorney Docket No. MDS-013A

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT(S): Kaufman et al.
SERIAL NO.: 09/738,614 GROUP NO.: 1743
FILING DATE: December 15, 2000 EXAMINER: ~~Not yet assigned~~
TITLE: Methods for Monitoring Effects of Chemical Agents on a Sample

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make of record the patents and publications listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the patents and publications are enclosed.

REMARKS

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It is respectfully requested that each of the patents and publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, be made of record in this application.

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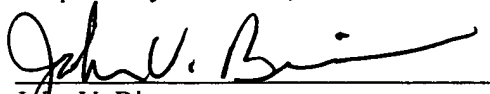
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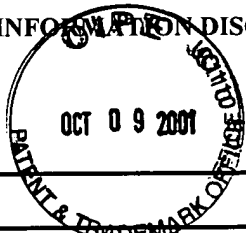
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Transmittal Form (1 pg); Information Disclosure Statement (2 pgs); Form PTO 1449 (7 pgs); copy of references A1-A132, B1-B13 and C1-C14; postcard; all under Certificate of First Class Mailing.

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	A3	4,017,192	4/12/77	Rosenthal et al	356	201	
	A4	4,198,571	4/15/80	Sheppard	250	571	
	A5	4,254,421	3/3/81	Kreutel, Jr.	343	754	
	A6	4,357,075	11/2/82	Hunter	350	294	
	A7	4,397,557	8/9/83	Herwig et al.	356	342	
	A8	4,662,360	5/5/87	O'Hara et al.	128	9	
	A9	4,733,063	3/22/88	Kimura et al.	250	201	
	A10	4,741,326	5/3/88	Sidall et al.	128	4	
	A11	4,753,530	6/28/88	Knight et al.	356	73	
	A12	4,768,513	9/6/88	Suzuki	128	634	
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	A18	4,891,829	1/2/90	Deckman et al.	378	4	
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	A23	4,974,580	12/04/90	Anapliotis	128	4	
	A24	4,979,498	12/25/90	Oneda et al.	128	6	
	A25	4,997,242	3/5/91	Amos	350	6.91	
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	A32	5,036,853	Jeffcoat et al.	128	634		
	A33	5,042,494	Alfano	128	665		
	A34	5,054,926	Dabbs et al.	356	345		
	A35	5,065,008	Hakamata et al.	250	216		
	A36	5,071,246	Blaha et al.	351	221		
	A37	5,074,306	Green et al.	128	664		
	A38	5,083,220	Hill	359	234		
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	A43	5,139,025	Lewis et al.	128	665		
	A44	5,154,166	Chikama	128	4		
	A45	5,159,919	Chikama	128	4		
	A46	5,161,053	Dabbs	359	384		
	A47	5,162,641	Fountain	250	201.2		
	A48	5,162,941	Favro et al.	359	386		
	A49	5,168,157	Kimura	250	234		
	A50	5,192,980	Dixon et al.	356	326		
	A51	Re. 34,214	Carlsson et al.	358	93		
	A52	5,201,318	Rava et al.	128	665		
	A53	5,201,908	Jones	128	4		
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	A55	5,235,457	Lichtman et al.	359	368		

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	A62	5,261,410	11/16/93	Alfano et al.	128	664	
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	A68	5,296,700	3/22/94	Kumagai	250	216	
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	A70	5,306,902	4/26/94	Goodman	250	201.3	
	A71	5,313,567	5/17/94	Civanlar et al	395	124	
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	A74	5,324,979	6/28/94	Rosenthal	250	504R	
	A75	5,325,846	7/5/94	Szabo	128	4	
	A76	5,329,352	7/12/94	Jacobsen	356	301	
	A77	5,337,734	8/16/94	Saab	128	4	
	A78	5,343,038	8/30/94	Nishiwaki et al.	250	234	
	A79	5,345,306	9/6/94	Ichimura et al.	356	346	
	A80	5,398,685	3/21/95	Wilk et al.	128	653.1	
	A81	5,402,768	4/4/95	Adair	128	4	
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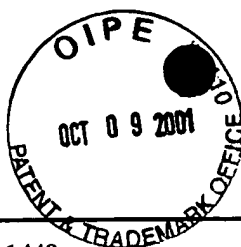
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	A86	5,418,797	5/23/95	Bashkansky et al.	372	3	
	A87	5,419,311	5/30/95	Yabe et al.	128	4	
	A88	5,421,337	6/6/95	Richards-Kortum et al.	128	665	
	A89	5,421,339	6/6/95	Ramanujam et al.	128	665	
	A90	5,451,931	9/19/95	Muller et al.	340	630	
	A91	5,458,132	10/17/95	Yabe et al.	128	4	
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	A93	5,477,382	12/19/95	Pernick	359	559	
	A94	5,480,775	1/2/96	Ito et al.	435	7.2	
	A95	5,493,444	2/20/96	Khoury et al.	359	559	
	A96	5,507,295	4/16/96	Skidmore	600	121	
	A97	5,516,010	5/14/96	O'Hara et al.	600	122	
	A98	5,529,235	6/25/96	Bolarski et al.	227	175.1	
	A99	5,536,236	7/16/96	Yabe et al.	600	125	
	A100	5,545,121	8/13/96	Yabe et al.	600	121	
	A101	5,551,945	9/3/96	Yabe et al.	600	122	
	A102	5,556,367	9/17/96	Yabe et al.	600	124	
	A103	5,587,832	12/24/96	Krause	359	385	
	A104	5,596,992	1/28/97	Haaland et al.	128	664	
	A105	5,609,560	3/11/97	Ichikawa et al.	600	101	
	A106	5,623,932	4/29/97	Ramanujam et al.	128	665	
	A107	5,662,588	9/2/97	Lida	600	121	
	A108	5,685,822	11/11/97	Harhen	600	125	
	A109	5,693,043	12/2/97	Kittrell et al.	606	15	
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	A111	5,704,892	1/6/98	Adair	600	121	

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	A114	5,730,701	3/24/98	Furukawa et al.	600	127	
	A115	5,733,244	3/31/98	Yasui et al.	600	127	
	A116	5,746,695	5/5/98	Yasui et al.	600	127	
	A117	5,768,333	6/16/98	Abdel-Mottaleb	378	37	
	A118	5,769,792	6/23/98	Palcic et al.	600	477	
	A119	5,795,632	8/18/98	Buchalter	428	35.2	
	A120	5,800,350	9/1/98	Coppleson et al.	600	372	
	A121	5,807,248	9/15/98	Mills	600	322	
	A122	5,813,987	9/29/98	Modell et al.	600	473	
	A123	5,817,015	10/6/98	Adair	600	121	
	A124	5,833,617	11/10/98	Hayashi	600	476	
	A125	5,855,551	1/5/99	Sklandnev et al.	600	372	
	A126	5,860,913	1/19/99	Yamaya et al.	600	127	
	A127	5,865,726	2/2/99	Katsurada et al.	600	127	
	A128	5,876,329	3/2/99	Harhen	600	125	
	A129	6,104,945	8/15/00	Modell et al.	600	473	
	A130	6,119,031	9/12/00	Crowley	600	407	
	A131	6,146,897	11/14/00	Cohenford et al.	436	63	
	A132	6,169,817 B1	1/2/01	Parker et al.	382	131	

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	B7	0 689 045 A1	12/27/95	EP					Y
	B8	WO 93/14688	8/5/93	PCT					Y
	B9	WO 94/26168	11/24/94	PCT					Y
	B10	WO 95/04385	2/9/95	PCT					
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	C2	C.J.R. Sheppard et al. "Depth of Field in the Scanning Microscope", Optics Letters, Vol. 3, No. 3, September 1978, pp. 115-117.	
	C3	C.J. Koester, "Scanning Mirror Microscope with Optical Sectioning Characteristics: Applications in Ophthalmology", Applied Optics. Vol. 19, No. 11, June 1980, pp. 1749-1757.	
	C4	T. Wilson., "The Role of the Pinhole in Confocal Imaging Systems", Confocal Microscopy Handbook, pp. 99-113.	
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	C7	Kevin T. Schomacker, et al. "Ultraviolet Laser-Induced Fluorescence of Colonic Tissue; Basic Biology and Diagnostic Potential", Lasers in Surgery and Medicine, 12: 63-78, (1992).	
	C8	S. Schwartz, "Real-time laser-scanning Confocal ratio imaging", American Laboratory, pp. 53-62 April 1993.	
	C9	R. Richards-Kortum et al. "Description and Performance of a Fiber-optic Confocal Fluorescence Spectrometer, Applied Spectroscopy, Vol. 48, No. 3 pp. 350-355. (1994).	
	C10	J.M. Schmitt et al. "Interferometric Versus Confocal Techniques for Imaging Microstructures in Turbid Biological Media", Proc. SPIE, 2135 (1994), pp. 1-12.	
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	C12	S.G. Anderson, "Confocal Laser Microscopes See A Wider Field of Application", Laser Focus World, pp. 83-86, February 1994.	
	C13	J.M. Schmitt et al. "Confocal Microscopy in Turbid Media", J. Opt. Soc. Am., Vol. 11, pp. 2225-2235, August 1994.	
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